

140,000 dollars a year to be able to talk to somebody in Kansas State or Mississippi State or Iowa State or Colorado State, that the University doesn't have the funds to make those phone calls right now, or to drive down there without spending this kind of money, then I suppose you ought to oppose this amendment. Senator Lamb says if we're going to pass 204 we've got to have these funds there. Strangely enough, if you pass LB 204 you're repealing the section of statutes that these funds come under. I don't understand exactly how the process works, but I guess I'd like to ask Senator Warner a question, if he would respond, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Warner, if LB 204 passes and if we repeal those sections of the statutes that authorizes the expenditures of these funds, then what happens to these funds?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Vickers, the way the appropriation bill would be written and is written, is always written for the University, the effect would be that the money would be appropriated, it's not earmarked, that is \$139,000 is not earmarked for that purpose and that purpose only so it would be available for whatever else the Board of Regents would choose to use it for. However, they could take the position that they would not spend the money because of the passage of the bill, but legally they could. You could amend 722 to that \$139,000 is there for that purpose and that purpose only and then if 204 passed, then it would be appropriated, but not spent.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, let me ask you this question. If 204 is passed and if we don't take these monies out, could the Board of Regents continue to expend these funds for the coordination of the regional college of veterinary medicine if they so desired?

SENATOR WARNER: I don't believe there would be a prohibition. There would not be a statutory prohibition. There would be...

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay. Even though there wouldn't be a statutory authorization either?

SENATOR WARNER: Right, but there wouldn't be a prohibition.